



News from Concord OLLI

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Please RSVP by August 26th to the OLLI Office at 513-1377.

Concord Calendar



Summers last days!

Fall Prevue Aug 31

Coming Up In Sept

Open Registration
Dining Out Sept 8

Committee Meetings:

Central Sept 13
Steering Sept 08
Curriculum Sept 15

Coming Up In Oct

OLLI Classes

Coming Up In Nov

Fall Classes Continue



Volunteerism by Martha Clapp



If you didn't catch it in the last newsletter, OLLI is a volunteer driven organization.

Many of us are already volunteering in one or several capacities; be it editing the newsletter, presenting a course, monitoring a class, participating on a committee, or assisting in the office, just to name a few.

If you have not already jumped on the band wagon, here is the opportunity.

It is a busy time in the office and volunteer support is essential to provide the staff the help they need to register members in classes and all the sundry tasks that are required. It is a warm and nurturing atmosphere; the staff guide you, help you, and appreciate you.

If you have a couple of hours a week now and then, and you would like to see what it takes to make it all work and be part of the process, please contact the Concord area office coordinator Martha Clapp at 227-9915 or Marthawynken@aol.com.

OLLI at GSC MISSION STATEMENT

Build a vibrant and sustainable member-driven organization that creates and provides intellectually stimulating lifelong-learning opportunities for NH residents 50 and above.

Dear Diners,

If you were not with us for August's lunch at the Foothills Restaurant in Warner, you missed the biggest cinnamon buns ever. We ordered one for our table of six and just about didn't finish it. We had fourteen for lunch and many ventured to Mount Kearsarge or the shops in Warner. We had a great time enjoying each other's company!

Now for our treat in September! We will be dining at Drumlin's Restaurant at the Stonebridge Country Club at 12:00PM, noon, on Wednesday, September 8th. We will be having lunch on their screened porch which has beautiful views of the countryside. We will be ordering off the menu and will receive separate checks. This is a moderately priced venue with lunches available from \$6.00 on up. They have a bar, if you want a glass of wine or mixed drink. Since we will be on a porch, please dress accordingly for the day's weather. The dress is casual.



Other activities in the area are the Everett Dam which is easy to walk across, very flat. Or the Clough State Park.

The drive to Stonebridge Country Club passes by beautiful views, lovely antique houses and Gorham Pond. The address is:

Stonebridge Country Club
161 Gorham Pond Road
Goffstown, NH 03045
Phone:603-497-8633



Directions: From Concord, take Clinton Road (Route 13) West, it makes a left turn to the South, turn left and follow Route 13 South, about five miles to Gorham Pond Road on the right; turn right and follow Gorham Pond Road about 3 1/4 miles to the Stonebridge Country Club on the right. Our restaurant is in the Club House building.

Please let me know if you plan on attending by September 5th so I can turn in the final count to the Country Club.

Thank you,

Bobbi Boley, Coordinator
OLLI Dining Out Group
603-226-0525

The OLLI Summer OBBU... by Paul Basham

"Cruisin' Down the River" was the theme of the OLLI Summer Brown Bag University (OBBU) held at the Conservation Center in Concord on August 3 with about 25 persons "on board". At the helm was Jane Bredeson, Mistress of the Podium, who kept us on course during the cruise. We were welcomed by Captain Joyce El Kouarti, Communications Director of the Society for the Protection of N.H. Forests.

Dr. George Stevens, environmental geologist, took us on an interesting tributary called "Invincible Rivers" in which he eloquently expounded on two profound truths: "rivers are wet" and "rivers run down hill". He drew maps of the world continents, and focusing on North America, he explained the interaction of rivers with the uplift of the Rockies and Appalachian mountains. If rivers could talk, he described what they would say about the building of dams and their impact up-river. He asked the group to name the largest river on earth, and we heard names like Amazon and Mississippi. But, to every one's surprise, he said the largest river on earth is the Gulf Stream flowing through the ocean.



Dr. George Stevens, left, is pointing out the great rivers of the world to Michael Bujnowski.

Professor of English Literature, June Frazer, guided us along the shore line of "The Written Rivers" pointing out examples of rivers as symbols of time, life and death. Quoting Langston Hughes, she read, "I've known rivers ancient in the world and older than the flow of human blood in human veins. I bathed in the Euphrates when dawns were young. I built my hut near the Congo and it lulled me to sleep. I looked upon the Nile and raised the pyramids above it. I heard the singing of the Mississippi when Abe Lincoln went down to New Orleans, and I've seen its muddy bosom turn all golden in the sunset. I've known rivers, ancient, dusky rivers."

Barbara Geissinger entertained us with the "Music of Rivers" just before we had lunch on the deck. (Margaret Venator supplemented our brown bag lunches with a delightful assortment of pastries). Then Michael Bujnowski enlightened us on the connecting link of "Bridges". Ginny Gerseny gave us a test about rivers and presented the winners with bottles of water from the Merrimack River. Mary Davies talked about "The Red River Keepers" and noted what we can do to improve our rivers.



After we all transferred to Steve Leavenworth's private sailing boat, we sailed down the east coast from Maine to Florida (in our imagination) with Steve using a map to chart our journey. As we listened to him recount the pleasures and joys of sailing, we could almost hear the splashing of waves and the cry of sea gulls as we plied the high seas.

In "Cruisin' Down The River" we have seen the river through the eyes of a scientist, a musician, an environmentalist, a poet, and an historian. June Frazer ended her presentation by talking about Mark Twain, Tom Sawyer and life on the Mississippi, which highlighted the romance of the river.

We will never look at rivers again in the same way.

Steve Leavenworth's Cruise

Concluding our series on rivers, have you ever seen a river over a river?..... Author Unknown

Even after you see it, it is still hard to believe! Water Bridge in Germany. What a feat! Six years, 500 million Euros, 918 meters long.....now this is engineering! This is a channel-bridge over the River Elbe and joins the former East and West Germany, as part of the unification project. It is located in the city of Magdeburg, near Berlin. The photo was taken on the day of inauguration. To those who appreciate engineering projects, here's a puzzle for your armchair engineers and physicists.

Question: Did that bridge have to be designed to withstand the additional weight of ship and barge traffic, or just the weight of the water?



Answer: It only needs to be designed to withstand the weight of the water!

Why? A ship always displaces an amount of water that weighs the same as the ship, regardless of how heavily a ship may be loaded.

"Come one. Come all. 'Twill soon be fall." by Jean Robbins, Curriculum Committee



We will be venturing into new territory this fall as we join Joe Quinn to "Watch the Hawks Fly By" and stroll with the Chandlers on adventure walks around Concord.

Learn about the Shakers from someone who lived in their midst. Darryl Thompson will lead tours of the Canterbury Shaker Village and accompany us on an Out and About trip to the Sabbath day Lake Shaker community in Maine on our first OLLI Concord bus tour.

And for a mid winter treat, sign up for Joanna Henderson's "Search for Lincoln."

There's lots more to learn about ~~ from "downsizing" and stress management to international concerns. And it's all there, just for you, at OLLI in Concord!

Online Courses

Special OLLI Online Course Opportunity: WATER RELATED RESEARCH AT UC IRVINE

Fall class available via internet from UCI OLLI - **(First Announcement)**

Join us this fall via Internet connection from the UCI Video Conferencing Center for a series of four classes devoted to water-related research being conducted by UCI scientists. This Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) class is being offered in conjunction with the UCI Urban Water Research Center. Specific topics and speakers will be announced during August. All classes will run from 10:00 – 12:00 PDT, and should follow this tentative schedule:

- 1) September 16 (all classes from 10:00 -12:00) - Water reuse and pharmaceuticals, Bill Cooper, Director, Urban Water Research Center; Desalination, Sunny Jiang, Civil and Environmental Engineering
- 2) September 23 - Joint UCI-Earth System Science and JPL study on satellite imagery for water resources, James Famiglietti, Civil and Environmental Engineering; Remote sensing of rainfall, Soroosh Sorooshian, Civil and Environmental Engineering
- 3) September 30 – Process engineering, Diego Rosso, Civil and Environmental Engineering; Freshwater-ocean interface, Stan Grant, Chemical Engineering
- 4) October 7 – Urban ecology and wetlands, Diane Pataki, Earth System Science; Water policy, David Feldman, Planning, Policy and Design

Connection:

Classes will be available live from the UCI Teaching, Learning and Technology Center, via an Internet connection available 10 minutes prior to the class starting. The log-on address is <http://tiny.cc/0451m/>. Viewers from their computers will want to have Quicktime installed (standard on Macs, downloadable for PCs). There is no charge for viewing this series of four presentations. Note that the full list of confirmed speakers will be sent to you once they have been verified by the UCI UWRC.

Questions about class content can be directed to:

[Gary Oberts](#) or [Bill Cooper](#)

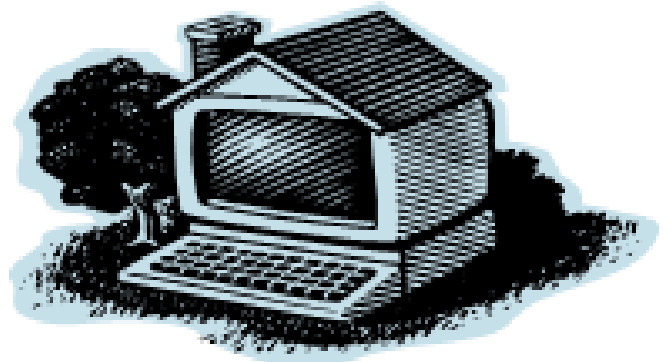
Questions about connection for the telecast can be directed to:

[Jeffrey Fisher, UCI Video Conferencing Center](#)

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Directions: Take I-93 to I-89 North. Get off at Exit 2 (Clinton Street). Turn right at end of ramp, and travel about 1 mile. Take a left at traffic light onto South Fruit Street, then turn left (at traffic light) onto Pleasant Street. Travel about ½ mile and you'll see Pleasant View, the large brick building on the left. Please leave passengers off at the front door and drive to the lower parking lot in the back. Valets will drive you back up to the front door. Valets will be driving back and forth after the party too.

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